



State Senator **NANCY CASSIS**

E-NEWS UPDATE

One of the key components of a healthy and thriving democracy is citizen participation in the political process. Most often, that participation manifests itself come election time in citizens exercising their right to vote – but it does not stop there. Following the election, your elected leaders need you to continue talking with them.

As the Legislature prepared to discuss the state budget, a survey of Michigan residents was conducted to identify priorities for state government spending. This survey yielded nine results that Michigan residents, primarily from urban areas, expect their government to deliver.

For this reason, I recently held a series of town hall meetings to gather input from 15th Senate District residents regarding what they believe the state's budget priorities should be. I held three hearings, one each in Novi, Milford and Commerce Township.

A consensus from attendees rated the following in order of importance:

1. The economy is thriving and people are working.
2. Government is effective, efficient and accountable.
3. Kids are succeeding in school.
4. People are safe where they live, work and play.
5. People are prepared for jobs and the new economy.
6. People are healthy.
7. Our natural resources are protected and preserved.
8. People and goods move around the state quickly and efficiently.
9. Those most vulnerable live free from harm and as self-sufficiently as possible.

I appreciate all who came to the town hall meetings. Your comments will help me as I strive to represent your interests in the state Senate.

You can expect that in the coming months, I will use your valuable input to help me make the tough choices that will bring our budget into balance and put Michigan on the road to recovery.

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